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Crop Insurance Scheme
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the various crop insurance schemes introduced in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether the crop insurance has covered all the States and all the farmers in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the crops covered under different crop insurance schemes, crop, scheme and State-wise; and

(d) the number of farmers benefited under the different crop insurance schemes during the last three years, State-wise and crop-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS) have been launched from Kharif 2016 season after thorough review of the then extant schemes of National Crop Insurance Programme (NCIP), which had three component schemes namely, Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (MNAIS), Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS) and Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme (CPIS) which was implemented from 2013-14. In addition, National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) which was to be withdrawn after implementation of NCIP, was also remained under implementation till 2015-16. CPIS is also continued to be implemented and Unified Package Insurance Scheme (UPIS) was launched on pilot basis in 45 districts from Kharif 2016.

(b): All the aforesaid crop insurance schemes are optional for States/UTs. and available for all the farmers both loanee and non-loanee.

(c): PMFBY envisages coverage of all food crops (cereals, millets and pulses), oilseeds and annual commercial/horticultural crops. Besides above perennial commercial/horticultural crops can be covered under RWBCIS and CPIS is being implemented for coconut growers. However, as per provisions of the schemes State/UT Governments notify the crops in their respective areas. State-wise details of crops notified under PMFBY and RWBCIS during 2016-17 are at Annexure-I.
Government of India has been persuading the States/UTs from time to time in various meetings and through writing letters at various levels to notify all eligible crops and areas under the crop insurance schemes for the benefit of the farmers of the State.

(d): State-wise and crop season-wise details of farmers benefitted under different crop insurance schemes during last three years are at Annexure-II.